

Fort Bliss,
7th Cavalry Mess Hall and Kitchen (440)
U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center
and Fort Bliss
City of El Paso
El Paso County
Texas

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Texas	COUNTY El Paso	TOWN OR VICINITY City of El Paso
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Fort Bliss, 7th Cavalry Mess Hall and Kitchen		HABS NO. TX-3339-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Building 440		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1919-1920 Real Property Record Cards Real Property Office, Fort Bliss, Texas	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Constructing Quartermasters: Major L.D. Blauvelt; Captain Harvey R. Field, El Paso Morning Times, 17 May 1919	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This former 7th Cavalry Mess Hall was part of a large enlisted Men's cantonment, most of which were demolished in 1934-1935. It was directly associated with the adjacent barrack (Building NO. 448). It was designed by War Department Construction Division architects during World War I.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Standard Military Construction		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick masonry, concrete foundation, gable roof covered with asbestos shingles, wood frame on interior with wood roof rafters; overhanging eaves		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTED) This one-story rectangular building is 21' x 92'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The building has mottled red brick and lime cement mortar.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior is altered. Of note are the horizontal wood sliding windows (see photos HABS No. TX-3339-7). Windows of this type are described in the War Department Manual of the Construction Division, Section C., Plate 5. They are typical windows for World War I cantonments.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In 1944, wood frame additions were placed on the northeast and southeast sides. Alterations on the northwest side include a new doorway in a former window area, and two former doorways were sealed with brick masonry.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE This building needs major repairs. The brick masonry walls are bulging and the roof is sinking. It is used as a chaplain's religious hall.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building will be demolished.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See Jamieson, Perry D., A Survey of Fort Bliss, 1890-1940, Directorate of Facilities Engineering, Fort Bliss, Unpublished manuscript, 1980. See also Real Property Records, Buildings and Structures Card File, on file in the Real Property Office, Fort Bliss.		
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